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LGC Associate Pedals 150 Miles in Fight Against Multiple Sclerosis

In October 2007, LGC Associate Amy Rose participated in the MS 150 Bike Ride to raise money for the Multiple Sclerosis Society. LGC is proud and happy to report she made it all 150 miles!

Amy signed up for the ride hoping to raise \$2,000. With LGC's support, she was able to raise over \$4,000. Amy's team was also able to meet its goal, raising \$40,250. The entire ride raised over \$2 million!



Amy Rose rode 150 miles to raise money for those with MS.

Amy teamed up with a group of fellow tri-athletes who 3 years ago started their own team, Rehab United, a physical therapy clinic located in Mission Valley, California. She only knew one person on the team but looked forward to meeting the 42 others.

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LGC Arizona Office Celebrates Second Anniversary

A message from Teresa Beck



Teresa Beck, Partner

We are proud that LGC's Arizona office is now in its third year of operation, and the firm is growing. Our Arizona office has allowed us to be a resource for our clients who do business in Arizona and has introduced us to new and exciting businesses who we hope to still be doing business with when the Arizona office celebrates its 20th anniversary. Over the past two years, LGC has represented general contractors, subcontractors, small businesses, and individuals in a variety of legal matters. The Arizona office provides a wide array of litigation and transactional services and is proud to be panel counsel for insurers such as Zurich, AIG, and others. The firm also represents many diverse Arizona businesses. Two of these are Network Secure and Brooks Mechanical Systems & Services.

Network Secure is an Information Technology staffing firm based in Tempe, Arizona, specializing in providing highly trained and sharply-focused IT professionals to a broad range of organizations throughout the Southwest for contract, contract-to-hire and full-time placement. Network Secure matches ideal candidates to client companies, providing the best talent for clients and the most challenging and rewarding opportunities for candidates. Network Secure's clients include the City of Tempe, APS (an Arizona power company), Wells Fargo, Edward Jones Investments, NEC, Calence, The 41st Parameter, and Bashas Supermarkets.

Brooks Mechanical Systems & Services is a full service mechanical contractor serving the greater Phoenix area and outlying communities. Brooks Mechanical is a Better Business Bureau accredited business and has been in business in the state for almost two decades.

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Throughout Amy's 150-mile ride, she was supported by other members of LGC. Office administrator Sharon Coughlin and associate Darcie Frounfelter volunteered at the VIP tent after Saturday's ride and Sharon and Vonlynn Audette, a legal secretary, were there for a much needed escape to a local watering hole at the completion of the 150 miles.

In all, Amy's ride raised enough money to help 30-45 individuals with MS attend weekly physical therapy for three months. She is particularly thankful to some of her biggest sponsors: LGC, Camp Corey, Costco Wholesale, Zip Fuzz, and Ted and Jane Cercos.

New Year Brings New Laws For State of California

With the passing of another year, it isn't just the calendar that changes. Many laws also change with the first day of the new year and 2008 is no different. The changes in California include: The minimum wage for workers increased from \$7.50 to \$8 per hour; a ban on smoking in cars where minors are present is now in place; and retailers are now required to redeem unused or partly used gift cards for cash if the amount is less than \$10.

Another law, likely to affect us all, will not go into effect until later this year. Beginning on July 1, 2008, drivers in California are prohibited from using a cellular phone while driving unless the phone is used with a hands-free device. For minors under 18 years of age, there is a complete prohibition on the use of cell phones, regardless of whether a hands-free device is used. Fines for violations of this new law are \$20, plus administrative fees, for a first offense, and \$50 plus fees for subsequent offenses.

There are exceptions to the prohibition of the use of cell phones without a hands free device, which include emergency situations. Also, drivers of commercial motor trucks or tractor trucks using two-way radios with a "push-to-talk" button that does not require the device to be close to the ear are exempt. However, this latter exception applies only to class "A" and "B" licensees operating tractor trucks or motor trucks.

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Amy Rose, second from right, takes a break from the long ride with her team.

New Laws in Nevada, Arizona for 2008

One of the more interesting new laws that went into effect on January 1 in Nevada:

-Passengers in taxicabs are now required to wear a seat belt. If a taxicab is pulled over by a police officer and a passenger is not wearing a seat belt, that passenger faces a \$25 fine.

In Arizona, one legal change may affect employers who employ undocumented immigrants:

- A new law punishes employers who employ workers who do not provide proper immigration documents. First time violators who knowingly hire undocumented workers are subject to a 10-day suspension of their business licenses. A second offense can cost a business its license altogether.

For more information on these and other changes to the law in 2008, please do not hesitate to contact our offices.

Nevada Office wins on Summary Judgment

Nick Salerno, Chris Turtzo and James Barrington worked together to win a Motion for Summary Judgment recently in favor of LGC client, Owen Pacific Roofing Company.

Owen Pacific had installed the roof at a mall in Henderson, Nevada in 1996 and was sued in 2006. Based on a motion drafted by James, LGC argued that the lawsuit was outside the 10-year statute of repose.

After an evidentiary hearing was held, the court agreed that the claims against Owen Pacific were barred and granted the summary judgment.

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LGC's Nevada Office Spreads Some Holiday Cheer

LGC's Nevada office teamed up with a Las Vegas elementary school, Mabel Hoggard Math & Science Magnet School, to help provide a much welcome Thanksgiving feast for 12 families in need this year.

LGC and Mabel Hoggard School also provided dinner, clothing, presents, and other needs for Christmas to a needy family this year. LGC has been working closely to help this elementary school, not only with needy families during the holidays, but also with fund raising efforts to provide funds for needy kids to go on special field trips.

Each year, Loren Young, a partner in the Las Vegas office, volunteers to go on a 3 day field trip to Mt. Charleston to work on environmental and science projects with the 5th graders. Loren also has spoken with classes about the constitution and the legislative process in Nevada.

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Those operating commercial pickup trucks, including contractors, are not exempt from the new law, even if they are using a push-to-talk device. Text messaging, either on a cell phone or a personal digital assistant (PDA), is also not allowed. While violations of the law are reportable to the Department of Motor Vehicles and will appear on one's driving record, a violation point will not be added to the record.

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Our work for our Arizona clients ranges from consulting on corporate and contract matters to construction issues, and defense in civil litigation. In all of these matters, our goal is always to provide the highest quality legal services comparable to larger firms, but at rates that are economical. This is the LGC tradition and we are proud to bring it to Arizona.



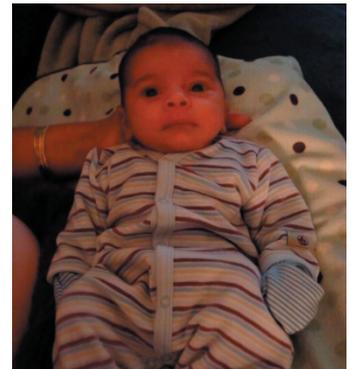
Many members of LGC's San Diego office showed support for the Chargers prior to San Diego's appearance in the AFC Championship.

Congratulations to LGC's Newest Attorneys

Patrick Laverty and Adrienne Johns, law clerks with LGC since 2006, passed the California Bar Exam in November, 2007, and are now LGC's newest attorneys. Both Patrick and Adrienne are May 2007 graduates of the University of San Diego School of Law, from which they graduated in May 2007.

The beginning of the new year also saw the hiring of two new faces. Steven Foremaster is Nevada's newest associate, while Valissa Turner has been added as an attorney in the San Diego office.

LGC Baby News!



On November 19, 2007, Associate Paul James and his wife Roopi welcomed into their family a baby boy, Arjun Singh James, who weighed 7.5 lbs. Congratulations Paul and Roopi!

Associate Spotlight

Jill S. Dickerson



Jill Dickerson

A second generation San Diego native, Jill Dickerson has been with LGC since 2000, first as a Law Clerk while studying at the University of San Diego School and Law, and as an associate since 2002.

As an attorney, Jill has handled a diversity of civil litigation issues, including wrongful death, employment law and products liability cases. She is a member of the San Diego Defense Lawyers association, the American Association and the San Diego County Bar Association.

A graduate of Mt. Carmel High and San Diego State, Jill further established her San Diego roots recently with the purchase of her first home. She is in the process of entering her home, which was built in 1928, on the registry of historic homes in San Diego.

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